(b) and (c) The Project Report envisages production of approximately 5000 million pieces of currency/bank notes. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 596.4 crores. The Report has been circulated to various appraising agencies for their comments so as to enable the Government take an investment decision.

Production cost of Controlled and Janata Cloth

1600. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how much wage a handloom weaver is getting per day for the production of controlled and janata cloth;

(b) what is the production cost of such cloth in N.T.C. mills; and

(c) what is the production cost of such cloth in handloom sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) A large variety of Janata cloth is being produced in different States under the Janata Cloth Scheme in Handloom Sector. Wages to handloom weavers engaged in the production of Janata cloth are not, therefore, paid at uniform rates in the States. However, a handloom weaver engaged in the production of Janata Cloth gets an average wage ranging from Rs 14 to Rs. 32 per day. Controlled cloth is not produced in the handloom sector.

(b) and (c) The production cost of controlled cloth produced by NTC mills and Janata cloth in the handloom sector are as under:—

Item	Average Production cost per square metre	
	Controlled cloth	Janata cloth
	Rs.	Rs.
Dhoti . . .	8 66	7 50
Saree . . .	8 89	8.03
Long cloth . .	8.67	8.29

Freedom Fighters' Pension cases from Midnapur, West Bengal

1601. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending cases of freedom fighters' pension from Midnapur district of West Bengal and the details of these cases;

(b) the reasons for not disposing of these cases expeditiously;

(c) whether these cases are likely to be settled at an early date; and

(d) whether Government are aware that most of these freedom fighters whose pension cases are pending final disposal are in their seventies and eighties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) All the cases from Midnapur district were disposed off in the Special drive carried out in July/August, 1986. However, some representations have been received from the freedom fighters to review their cases. Such cases are being reviewed.

Pending cases of Freedom Fighters from Muzaffarpur, Bihar

1602. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and particulars of freedom fighters from Muzaffarpur (Bihar) whose applications for Swatantrata Samman Pension are pending since long;

(b) what steps Government are taking to expedite disposal of these cases; and

(c) whether orders are being issued pertaining to these cases; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN

DEV): (a) to (c) As a result of the special drive conducted during July-August, 1986, all pending cases from Bihar including Muzaffarpur were disposed off and pension were sanctioned wherever acceptable evidences were produced by the applicants.

Shifting of Foreign Department of SBI from Calcutta

1603. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assured that the State Bank of India has no proposal to shift the Foreign Department of SBI from Calcutta;

(b) if so, whether Government will refer to the Telex message dated 30th June, 1988 sent by SBI Central Office, Bombay to Foreign Department, Calcutta;

(c) whether the said Telex Message confirms the fears that plan of SBI to decentralise the Dealing and Cover operations from Foreign Department of SBI, Calcutta are continuing; and

(d) if the SBI has no intention of shifting the Foreign Department of SBI, Calcutta to other centres as assured by Government and whether steps are being taken to close down the dealing centres outside Calcutta and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) State Bank of India has reported that, it has no proposal to shift its Foreign Department from Calcutta.

(b) to (d) State Bank of India has set up Dealing Rooms at Bombay, Madras and New Delhi to effectively service its growing foreign exchange business with a view to providing efficient and 'on line' services to its customers. According to State Bank of India the cover operations, accounts and reconciliation work relating to foreign exchange business continue to be centralised at Foreign Department, Calcutta. State Bank of India has reported that the telex message dated 30-6-1988 referred to in the question relates to certain internal discussions in the bank highlighting the need for putting the operations of the dealing rooms to optimal use for securing new business and extending additional facilities to its constituents. The Bank has no proposal to close down these dealing rooms.

डी० ए० पी० कार्मिकों का पुलिस स्टेशनों में तैनात किया जाना

1604. **श्री सुनील कुमार पटनायक :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि डी०ए०पी० में पिछले 3-4 वर्षों से कार्यरत पुलिस कार्मिकों को उक्त विभाग में इतने लम्बे समय से निरंतर कार्यरत रहने के पश्चात् भी पुलिस स्टेशनों में तैनात नहीं किया जाता है जबकि कुछ पुलिस कार्मिक 3-4 वर्षों से अधिक समय से लगातार पुलिस स्टेशनों में कार्य कर रहे हैं :

(ख) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर "हां" है, तो उसके क्या कारण है और क्या सरकार डी०ए०पी० के पुलिस कार्मिकों को पुलिस स्टेशनों में तैनात करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) : (क) जी नहीं, श्रीमन् । तथापि, कुछ मामलों में पुलिस कार्मिकों की उनकी सामान्य अवधि पूरी होने के बाद भी वहां रहने की अनुमति दी जाती है यदि वे अतिविशिष्ट व्यक्तियों की ड्यूटियां देते हैं या विशिष्ट कोर्स किया हो या वे अच्छे खिलाड़ी हों ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।